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TESTIMONY

of the

CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES

to the

HOUSING COMMITTEE

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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local governments - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to testify before you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

CCM supports the following bills of concern:

- > Proposed House Bill 5072, "An Act Appropriating Funds for Capital Improvements at State Moderate Rental Units;" and
- > Proposed House Bill 5074, "An Act Appropriating Funds for Moderate Rental Housing."

H.B. 5072 would appropriate funds for grants to housing authorities for capital improvements at state moderate rental units and H.B 5074 would appropriate funds for grants to housing authorities for operational costs and deferred maintenance of state moderate rental units.

Both bills would provide much needed infrastructure support to Connecticut's housing authorities struggling in today's challenging economic climate.

CCM urges the Committee to favorably report on Proposed House Bills 5072 and 5074.

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